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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/895,184
Filing Date	July 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	MICHINORI SHINKAI
Group Art Unit	2612
Examiner Name	S. H. Lee
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015633.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

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ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

01 FC:1801

770.00 OP

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

02 FC:1202

432.00 OP

iv.  Other Preliminary Amendment

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

a:  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other Additional Claim Fee \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Checks in the amount of \$ 770.00 and \$ 432.00 are enclosed

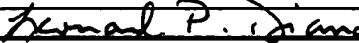
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Leonard P. Diana	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	29,296
Signature		Date	April 7, 2004

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In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.015633.

MICHINORI SHINKAI

Appln. No.: 09/895,184

Examiner: S.H. Lee

Filed: July 2, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2876

For: DISCOUNTING SYSTEM, DISCOUNTING DEVICE, DISCOUNTING METHOD, DISCOUNTING PROGRAM, RECORD MEDIUM, CARTRIDGE, PRINT CONTROLLER, PRINT CONTROL METHOD, AND PRINT CONTROL PROGRAM

Date: April 7, 2004

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* 64	MINUS	** 40	= 24	x \$9 \$18	\$432.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 16	MINUS	*** 17	= 0	x \$43 \$86	\$0
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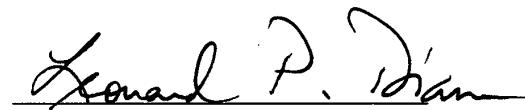
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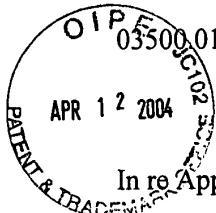
Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100 or by facsimile at (212) 218-2200. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PATENT APPLICATION

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MICHNORI SHINKAI

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Notice Of Allowance issued in the above-identified application on January 7, 2004. The issue fee has not yet been paid, and a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

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(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

Paul P. Diane  
Signature

April 7, 2004  
Date of Signature

Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 23.